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SUBJ: LOS: UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE SESSION

REF: (A) STATE 54588, (B) THE HAGUE 1288 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING UP ON AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH STATE SECRETARY
KOOIJMANS, DCM CALLED ON PROF. RIPHAGEN MARCH 12 TO MAKE POINTS
IN STATE 54588 AND TO LEAVE COPY OF MAJOR ISSUES SUMMARY. NOTING
THAT EMBASSY LUXEMBOURG REPORTED DUTCH ACTING FOR GOL AS EC
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CHAIRMAN ON LOS, DCM ASKED RIPHAGEN BRING USG VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE

OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND NECESSITY FOR MAKING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS AT NEW YORK SESSION TO ATTENTION OF OTHER EC COUNTRIES. RIPHAGEN AGREED THAT CRUCIAL POINT HAD BEEN REACHED. HE WILL CIRCULATE US SUMMARY OF MAJOR ISSUES TO EC DELS.

2. RIPHAGEN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE MATERIALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN NEW YORK, BUT THAT IMPORTANT PROGRESS MUST BE MADE. CONSENSUS MUST BE REACHED ON ALL ISSUES, NOT JUST ON SOME OF THEM, BEFORE A TREATY COULD BE ADOPTED. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID HE HAD JUST RECIEVED A CABLE FROM NEW YORK CITING A UPI REPORT THAT SAID THERE WAS TALK OF LEAVING ASIDE THE QUESTION OF CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR SEABED EXPLOITATION. THAT DID NOT SEEM A REALISTIC POSSIBILITY, HE COMMENTED.

3. COORDINATION WITHIN THE EC WAS STILL NOT ALL IT MIGHT BE ON LOS ISSUES, ESPECIALLY REGARDING FISHERIES. LACK OF COMMON POSITION WITHIN EC-9 (US BEING ODD-MAN-OUT) PREVENTED ADOPTION OF COMMON POSITION IN NEOGITATIONS. PROGRESS WAS SLOW, AND RIPHAGEN SAID HE EXPECTED INDIVIDUAL MEMBEFS OF NINE TO SPEAK OUT ON THIER OWN.

4. REFERRING TO RECENT REINFORCED NAC ON LOS, RIPHAGEN SAID THAT HE THOUGHT US PROPOSALS ON MILITARY/SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HAD COME RATHER LATE IN THE GAME. MILITARY REESEARCH WAS TOPIC TO BE AVOIDED, BUT IT WAS LIKELY THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED. ANOTHER EMOTIONAL ISSUE FOR THIRD WORLD WAS HIGH-SEAS RIGHTS WITHIN ECONOMIC ZONE. NETHERLANDS ANTILLES ATTITUDE ON THIS POINT WAS TO SOME EXTENT IN CONFLICT WITH DUTCH POSITION, BUT RIPHAGEN THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.
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